

Church of St. Mary Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes—April 11, 1024

Present: Luke VanOverbeke, Fr. Rick Aubol, Deacon Tony Pasko, Adrian Panther, Sue McCulloch, Kevin Gorghuber, Bill Verschaetse, Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Char Hanson, Grace Lambert, Fr. Fred Fink, Tammy Huss, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos

- I. Opening Prayer—Queen of Heaven/Regini Ceoli
 - II. Review of Meeting Minutes—Sue McCulloch corrected the spelling of her last name
 - III. Open Forum/Ministry Needs
 - a. Bill reported the need for better alignment between Ministry Scheduler Pro and paper sign-ups for liturgical ministries that are not part of the regular team schedules. The Archdiocese has resources through the DHS and FBI to help with security. Locally, a radar gap over Alexandria prevents some warning signal reception. Noted were the value of safety training, need to review existing procedures and consider a mock evacuation drill.
 - b. Custom parking lot signage can be posted by the city to designate the south parking lot as Handicapped Parking only. Evaluation of camera images indicated between half and two thirds of the spaces were used during the Triduum and Easter Services.
 - IV. Liturgist Updates
 - a. Holy Week Feedback—Deacon Tony appreciated the Presentation of the Oils. Considerations next year for the Veneration of the Cross include pillows on the pedestals to prevent scratching and only the Priest and Deacon to stabilize. The Altar of Repose went well. To improve traffic flow, a procession first around the outside of the space may benefit. Similarly, staggering cantors along the procession route and/or printed sheets could help the worshippers continue to sing the Pange Lingua. Fr. Matthew reported that attendance was down by 50-75 people for each of the Triduum Liturgies. Compliments were given to the music choices and candle by the ambo.
 - b. Luke recommended a revised committee structure with 1-year terms held by lay persons for positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The roll of Vice-Chair would progress to Chair in the following term, with nominations in May or June. The Chair would collaborate with Luke to establish the agenda, communicate meeting information, facilitate meetings and build relationships with other committees.
 - V. Priest Update—Fr. Matt reported that First Communion season is underway and wedding season starts tomorrow. The Crucifix will be moved into 2025, with Lori and Jake preparing a presentation for the Finance Council. An offer has been made and accepted for a Rectory. The current house will return to rental status. Fr. Rick is looking ahead to Corpus Christi, and the Knights are prepared. Fr. Fred raised the question of how many people have talked to persons not on this committee about their experience of Liturgy and Mass, and what is the report? Due to time constraints, members were asked to bring back input of the liturgy experience from four attendees at Mass.
 - VI. Education Piece—Desiderio Desideravi—Tammy Huss led the discussion of Paragraphs 46-50. Adrian Panther will lead next month's discussion of paragraphs 51-56.
 - VII. Calendar of Events—Next gathering will be May 9th, starting at 6:15P with a prayer service in the church.
 - VIII. Closing Prayer—Catholic Social Teaching Prayer
Meeting adjourned.
- Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos